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COMMUNICATION REGARDING JUNE 23, 2005 OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Communication mailed June 23, 2005 and subsequent telephone conversation with Examiner Srivastava on June 26, 2005 with respect to the captioned matter.

PATENT 450108-02376

On August 26, 2004, a non-final Office Action was received. On January 25, 2005 an Amendment was mailed in response to the non-final Office Action. On April 7, 2005, Applicant received a "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment" stating that the "Abstract" submitted in the Amendment must be on a separate page. On April 13, 2005, Applicant responded to the Notice by submitting a Communication enclosing a corrected "AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION" section for the previously filed amendment, wherein the Abstract was now provided on a separate page.

In a second Office Communication dated June 23, 2005, the Examiner rejected Applicant's April 13, 2005 Communication for not being fully responsive to the Office Action of August 26, 2004 because no arguments were submitted. Applicant's attorney called the Examiner on June 28, 2005, and explained that, as required, the April 13th Communication only included the corrected sections and not the entirety of the previously filed Amendment. Accordingly, the arguments in response to the Office Action of August 26, 2004 are found in the previously filed Amendment of January 25, 2005. Apparently, the Examiner did not fully appreciate this situation when issuing the second Office Communication dated June 23, 2005.

Regardless, Applicant hereby re-submits the January 25, 2005 Amendment, with the April 13th corrected section inserted as new pages 3-7. Note that specific arguments are presented on pages 12-13 pointing out the distinctions believed to render the claims patentable over the applied references.

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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action which issued August 26, 2004, please consider the following amendment to the above-referenced application.